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DO NOT SETTLE

Settling with Microsoft will only allow them to substantially increase the market share in core industries where their only competition have an edge. To do so will only hinder the efforts of other companies to operate in a competitive society. To do so will allow Microsoft a backdoor into business areas they've always had trouble breaking into.

Microsoft has billions of dollars behind its name, and plenty of this available in cash. A settlement with their goods would cost them a minute fraction of the entire settlement value. A settlement by definition implies some kind of wrongdoing. When a kid does something wrong, you don't just let them go. Good parents will punish them so that they do not make the same mistake again. Allowing them to settle with their products is barely a slap in the wrist. If a settlement is deemed necessary, then the government should punish them realistically, by forcing them to donate cash, not goods or services, on demand. Too many companies have been bullied out of competition through vaporware, through bullish and threatening tactics, through unfair business practice. Any other settlement besides a billion dollar cash settlement would be unjust.

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